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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1439

**DATE:** October 22, 2014

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Physicians

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Increased Payment for Primary Care through Calendar Year (CY) 2015

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2015

The IME will continue increased payments to certain primary care physicians (PCP) for specified primary care services in 2015.

In November 2012, the IME announced the implementation of a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that supports increased Medicaid payments to certain primary care physicians for specified primary care services. The services eligible for the higher payment must be delivered by a physician who specializes in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine; including services provided by auxiliary staff supervised by an eligible physician. To qualify, the physician is required to self-attest to their qualification.

Self-attestation is simple. Providers must complete the single page e-form, [Iowa Medicaid Primary Care Physician Certification and Attestation for Primary Care Rate Increase](#)<sup>1</sup>, which captures a provider's identification and qualification information along with the attestation of eligibility. Guidance is displayed when you click on most fields in the form. Please refer to [Informational Letters 1194](#)<sup>2</sup> and [1305](#)<sup>3</sup> for full details and qualification information. **If you have already attested you do not need to attest again.**

In 2015, The IME will pay the higher of the usual state-established Medicaid rate in effect at the time or the 2014 Medicare rate.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tfaforms.com/264250>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1194%20Increased%20Medicaid%20Payment%20for%20Primary%20Care.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1305%20Update%20to%20Increased%20Medicaid%20Payment%20for%20Primary%20Care.pdf>